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SUBJ: SUMMARY OF THE SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON FOR LOS
CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP AUGUST 13, 1976

1. THE SECRETARY HOSTED A LUNCHEON AUGUST 13 FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING EVENSE, AGUILAR, YAUKOV, ENGO, BEESLEY, RATRAY, ZUELETA AND HALL.
2. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE HAD COME TO NEW YORK TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO THE CONFERENCE AND TO LEARN FIRST HAND WHAT IS HAPPENING. HE INVITED THOSE PRESENT TO A GENERAL DISCUSSION.
3. EVENSEN SAID THAT THE MAIN PROBLEMS WERE IN COMMITTEE I AND THE PLENARY, WHERE FINAL CLAUSES AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ARE BEING DISCUSSED. IN COMMITTEES II AND III THERE WERE ONE OR TWO ISSUES. HE THOUGHT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THIS SESSION TO PRODUCE A CONSOLIDATED TEXT, WITH AN ELEVATED STATUS THAT COORDINATES THE PARTS, AND INCLUDES THE PREAMBLE AND FINAL CLAUSES.
4. ENGO THOUGHT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN HIS COMMITTEE WERE GOING BACK AND FORTH NOW. HE SAID THERE IS A VOCAL MINORITY AND A LARGE SILENT MAJORITY. SOME OF THE MINORITY SEEMED TO BE AT THE PRE-CARACAS STAGE. THE SECRETARY ASKED

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IF THERE WERE DELEGATIONS WHO DID NOT WANT A TREATY. ENGO

REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF IT WAS A STRATEGY OR NOT. THE SECRETARY ASKED IF IT WOULD HELP BREAK THE DEADLOCK TO MAKE THE ENTERPRISE MORE WORKABLE, AND ENGO SAID IT WOULD SURELY HELP. ENGO DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS OF MAKING THE AUTHORITY STRONG ENOUGH FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT IT, QUOTAS; DECISION MAKING, ACCES; AND THRELATION OF QUOTAS TO PRODUCTION CONTROLS. ENGO SAID THE DEADLOCK COULD BE BROKEN IF EVERYONE TOLD HIM WHAT THEIR REAL INTERESTS ARE.

5. AGUILAR SAID HE THOUGHT THE RSNT FOR COMMITTEE II WAS 90 PERCENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE GREAT MAJORITY. ON THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE, HE SAID VIEWS WERE FAIRLY EVENLY DIVIDED; THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD AVOID PHILOSOPHICAL DEBATES; BUT SHOULD SPELL OUT THAT THE UNSPECIFIED RIGHTS RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BELONG TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WHILE THE UNSPECIFIED RIGHTS RELATING TO RESOURCES BELONG TO THE COASTAL STATE. HE DESCRIBED OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN COMMITTEE II, INCLUDING LANDLOCKED/GDS, CONTINENTAL SHELF, AND DELIMITATION; AND SAID HE DID NOT SEE WHO WE COULD AVOID GIVING SOME DELEGATIONS THEIR DAY IN COURT ON STRAITS.

6. YANKOV DESCRIBED THE ISSUES OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, POLLUTION, AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. ON SCIENCE, HE THOUGHT THE RSNT IS ALMOST WHAT COULD BE REALISTICALLY ACCEPTABLE, SINCE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WANT TOTAL CONSENT, AND SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WANT FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT FOR US TO CONSIDER A CONSENT REGIME AT ALL, IT WOULD HAVE TO SPELL OUT VERY CLEARLY WHEN CONSENT IS MANDATORY. THE PRESENT CRITERIA ARE SO VAGUE AS TO MAKE IT A TOTAL CONSENT REGIME. YANKOV SAID THE MARINE POLLUTION TEXT WAS BASICALLY ACCEPTABLE AS A WHOLE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE UNHAPPY THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD NOT TAKEN MORE INITIATIVE ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

7. THE SECRETARY MADE A TOAST, RELEASED AS PRESS RELEASE USUN (91) 76 OF AUGUST 13, 1976.

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